

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS**

This application has been reconsidered in light of the Office Action dated September 16, 2003. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

For convenience of review the following paragraphs correspond to those objections and/or rejections set forth in the Office Action dated September 16, 2003:

Claim Objections

2. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126, which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 18 and 19 in paper no. 10 have been renumbered 20 and 21.

Election/Restrictions

3. This application contains Claims 18 and 19 drawn to an invention nonelected without traverse in Paper No. 6. The application also contains withdrawn Claims 20 and 21. A complete reply to the Final Rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action. (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Accordingly, Claims 2, 18, 19, 20, and 21 have been cancelled in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Accordingly, Claim 2 has been cancelled to obviate the rejection under 35 USC § 112.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1, 3-11, 14-16 are allowed.

Accordingly, applicant submits that the application is now in full condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections/rejections is requested.

If any outstanding questions remain, a telephone call from the Examiner would be welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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